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| In re Application of: |) | Confirmation No.: 8295 |
| Gary K. Michelson |) | |
| Serial No.: 09/921,844 |) | Group Art Unit: 3738 |
| Filed: August 3, 2001 |) | Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow |
| For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE |) | |
| CONFIGURATION |) | |

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AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination and in reply to the Final Office Action of April 5, 2010, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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